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EMERGENCY AWARENESS BULLETIN

To: All District Supervisors, Inspectors, Analysts and Instructors
From: Ronald H. Hughes, Director, Division of Investigations
Date: May 30, 2007

EAB-07004 - Kentucky Serious Non Fatal Accident No. 3 - Machinery

On February 03, 2007, at approximately 10:15 AM, three contract maintenance workers were injured when a truck crane lift collapsed at a surface mine within the Office of Mine Safety and Licensing Harlan District. One of the three injured contract workers was serious injured in this accident.

The three victims were using a truck crane lift to raise a belt conveyor snub roller, so as to replace a bearing in the snub roller, when the metal structure of the crane broke allowing the lift bucket to fall, striking the victims.

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES:

1. Prior to use – an inspection of equipment shall be conducted and any defects found shall be corrected.
2. Attachments shall not be mounted to the boom arm that is not necessary to perform the assigned job task.
3. Employees shall not work under suspended loads or raised equipment.
4. Prior to lifting, tension and weight should be reduced as much as possible on conveyor belts by raising the counter weights.

